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1993/1. Frequency of sessions of the Technical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 158 (XIV) of 5 April 1987 of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on holding the sessions of the Commission on a biennial basis, 1/

Recalling also that in that resolution the Commission requested its Executive Secretary to prepare, in those years in which no session of the Commission was held, a detailed report on the activities, plans and programmes of the Commission for submission to the Economic and Social Council,

Persuaded of the desirability of annual consultations among States members of the Commission on issues of concern,

Convinced that such consultations can be achieved through meetings of the Technical Committee in years in which no session of the Commission is held,

Bearing in mind the administrative, financial and programme planning rules and regulations of the United Nations,

Decides that sessions of the Technical Committee shall be held in years in which no Commission session is held, starting with a three-day meeting in 1993, on the understanding that such meetings will be financed within existing budgetary resources.

2nd plenary meeting
2 February 1993

1993/2. Establishment of a Statistical Committee within the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Realizing the importance of coordinating statistical work at the regional level and of standardizing statistical methods and concepts in accordance with the circumstances and potential of the countries of the region covered by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and their economic and social development requirements, which induced other United Nations regional commissions to establish standing statistical committees to undertake the coordination of statistical work in their regions,

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 15 (E/1987/35), chap. IV.

Aware of the necessity of supporting the participation of the statistical organizations of States members of the Commission in planning and developing statistical activities and in identifying the priority of statistical plans and programmes in the regions,

Aware also of the need to strengthen coordination and integration with regard to statistical policies, programmes and activities between regional Arab organizations and the Commission, with a view to meeting the needs and requirements of statistical organizations in member States and to developing those organizations in order to achieve the economic and social development goals of the countries of the region,

Noting that the meetings of heads of central statistical organizations of the States members of the Commission, held in 1985, 1987 and 1989, have proved effective in directing, coordinating and evaluating the statistical programmes of the Commission and in associating them with the statistical programmes and activities of regional Arab organizations and of member States,

Stressing the need for the meetings of heads of central statistical organizations of the States members of the Commission to assume a permanent institutional form,

1. Decides to establish a Statistical Committee comprising representatives of the central statistical organizations of the States members of the Commission to undertake the following activities:

(a) To familiarize itself with the statistical activities of the States members of the Commission and to follow up the progress made in those countries in the development of their statistical programmes, drawing up recommendations regarding the status, implementation and evaluation of programmes of statistical work and organizing symposiums, workshops and seminars related to statistics;

(b) To study international statistical systems, classifications and projects, adapting them to suit the conditions and priorities of the countries of the region;

(c) To provide advice on the statistical training requirements of the States members of the Commission, proposing training programmes in coordination with appropriate regional institutions as needed;

(d) To standardize national statistics to make them more comparable at regional and international levels, taking into consideration relevant recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission and other appropriate bodies;

(e) To coordinate the exchange of statistical data and information between the Commission and its member States for the benefit of all concerned;

(f) To coordinate the statistical programmes of the States members of the Commission, in particular in matters relating to statistical surveys and censuses and dates of implementation;

2. Recommends that the Statistical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia meet biennially;

3. Calls upon the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to follow up the present resolution and to submit to the Commission at its seventeenth session a report on the achievements of the Statistical Committee.

2nd plenary meeting
2 February 1993

1993/3. Permanent headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Referring to the request submitted by the Government of Lebanon regarding the transfer and hosting of the permanent headquarters of the Commission in Beirut,

Referring also to the memorandum of the Government of Iraq, containing a request that the staff of the Commission return to Baghdad by 31 December 1992, failing which the Government would take back the present buildings, but would be prepared to provide other buildings for the same purpose,

Referring to the request submitted by the Government of Jordan regarding the transfer and hosting of the permanent headquarters of the Commission in Amman,

Referring to the note by the Executive Secretary concerning the permanent headquarters of the Commission, 2/

Taking into consideration the need to provide stability for the secretariat of the Commission, which is vital for the performance of the tasks entrusted to it,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to take the necessary measures to study the requests submitted by the Government of Lebanon and the Government of Jordan, as well as any other request that may be received from any State member of the Commission regarding the transfer and hosting of the permanent headquarters of the Commission, and also requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the Commission at its special session a detailed report on the contacts he makes with regard to the Commission's permanent headquarters, containing an appraisal of the offers made in that respect;

2/ E/ESCWA/16/11.

2. Decides that a special session of the Commission shall be held in Beirut within one year of the date of the adoption of the present resolution to discuss the question of the permanent headquarters of the Commission;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Lebanon for its offer to act as host for the special session of the Commission and for being prepared to meet the expenses involved;

4. Expresses its thanks to the Government of Iraq, as the present host of the Commission, for the facilities it has provided and is providing to the Commission, and appeals to that Government to consult with the Executive Secretary of the Commission before taking any measures related to buildings allocated for the permanent headquarters of the Commission in Baghdad in the light of the agreement concluded between the United Nations and the Republic of Iraq on the headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, signed in Baghdad on 13 June 1979;

5. Expresses its thanks to the Government of Jordan for hosting the Commission on a temporary basis since August 1991 and for providing it with all the necessary facilities.

2nd plenary meeting
2 February 1993

1993/4. International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1989/91 of 26 July 1989, 1991/93 of 26 July 1991 and 1992/37 of 30 July 1992, in which it decided on the convening, mandate and preparatory process of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 47/176 of 22 December 1992, in which, inter alia, the Assembly recognized the importance of ensuring an adequate intergovernmental preparatory process for the Conference, as well as the importance of the participation in the Conference and its preparatory process of all relevant non-governmental organizations from developed and developing countries,

1. Decides that the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development should be rescheduled to take place from 10 to 21 May 1993 in New York;

2. Also decides to convene the third session of the Preparatory Committee from 11 to 22 April 1994, within the overall resources of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, to be approved by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, taking fully into account the budget outline approved by the Assembly in resolution 47/213 of 23 December 1992, and without prejudice to the utilization of resources available through voluntary contributions to the trust funds for the

Conference, taking fully into account the need to ensure the success of the Conference in fulfilling its mandate and the need to ensure an adequate intergovernmental preparatory process for it;

3. Further decides, within the overall resources of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, to be approved by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, taking fully into account the budget outline approved by the Assembly in resolution 47/213, to postpone the twenty-seventh session of the Population Commission until 1994 and to consider at the Council's substantive session of 1993 the possibility of scheduling it in conjunction with the third session of the Preparatory Committee;

4. Adopts the modalities for the participation in and contribution to the Conference and its preparatory process of non-governmental organizations, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

5. Decides that, in order to support developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in participating fully and effectively in the Conference and its preparatory process, each least developed country, to the extent that extrabudgetary funds are available, may be provided, from the voluntary fund for the Conference, with travel expenses and, on an exceptional basis, daily subsistence allowance for one representative attending the sessions of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference itself;

6. Recognizes the importance of non-governmental participation in the preparatory process and the Conference itself and encourages all support to enable representatives of non-governmental organizations from developing countries to participate fully.

3rd plenary meeting
12 February 1993

Annex

PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND ITS PREPARATORY PROCESS

1. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which express their wish to attend the Conference and its Preparatory Committee meetings shall be accredited for participation. Others wishing to be accredited may apply to the Conference secretariat for this purpose in accordance with the requirements of the present resolution.

2. The secretariat of the International Conference on Population and Development shall be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation, in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, of requests from non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process.

3. All such applications must be accompanied by information on the organization's competence and relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee, indicating the particular areas of the Conference preparations to which such competence and relevance pertain, and should include, inter alia, the following:

(a) The purposes of the organization;

(b) Information on its programmes and activities in areas relevant to the Conference and its preparatory process and in which country(ies) they are carried out;

(c) Confirmation of its activities at the national and/or international level;

(d) Copies of its annual reports with financial statements, and a list of members of the governing body and their country of nationality;

(e) A description of its membership, indicating the total number of members and their geographical distribution.

4. In the evaluation of the relevance of non-governmental applications for accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process, it is agreed that their background and involvement in population issues or population and development issues, including those mentioned in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1991/93, will determine their relevance.

5. Non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation shall be asked to confirm their interest in the goals and objectives of the Conference.

6. In cases where the Conference secretariat believes, on the basis of the information provided in accordance with the present resolution, that the organization has established its competence and relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee, it will recommend to the Preparatory Committee that the organization be accredited. In cases where the Conference secretariat does not recommend the granting of accreditation, it will make available to the Preparatory Committee its reasons for not doing so. The Conference secretariat should ensure that its recommendations are available to members of the Preparatory Committee at least one week prior to the start of each session.

7. The Preparatory Committee will decide on all proposals for accreditation within twenty-four hours of the Conference secretariat's recommendations having been taken up by the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting. In the event of a decision not being taken within this period, interim accreditation shall be accorded until such time as a decision is taken.

8. A non-governmental organization that has been granted accreditation to attend a session of the Preparatory Committee may attend all its future sessions.

9. In recognition of the intergovernmental nature of the International Conference on Population and Development, non-governmental organizations shall have no negotiating role in the work of the Conference and its preparatory process.

10. Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may be given an opportunity to briefly address the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting and its subsidiary bodies. Other relevant non-governmental organizations may also ask to speak briefly at such meetings. If the number of requests is too large, the Preparatory Committee shall request the non-governmental organizations to form themselves into constituencies, each constituency to speak through one spokesperson. Any oral intervention by a non-governmental organization should, in accordance with normal United Nations practice, be made at the discretion of the Chairman and with the consent of the Preparatory Committee.

11. Relevant non-governmental organizations may, at their own expense, make written presentations during the preparatory process in the official languages of the United Nations as they deem appropriate. Those written presentations will not be issued as official documents except in accordance with United Nations rules of procedure.

DECISIONS

1993/201. Elections to subsidiary bodies of the Council, nominations, and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions

Elections

At its 2nd to 5th plenary meetings, on 2, 12 and 16 February 1993, the Council took the following action with regard to elections to its subsidiary bodies:

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

The Council elected the CZECH REPUBLIC for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Council elected the CZECH REPUBLIC for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Council elected SLOVAKIA for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995.

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Council elected the CZECH REPUBLIC for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 3 December 1995.

COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The following seven Member States were elected for a term beginning on the date of election: AZERBAIJAN, BURUNDI, MALAYSIA, NIGER, TOGO, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and VIET NAM.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of four members from African States and six members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Council, in accordance with its decision 1993/207 of 12 February 1993, elected the following twenty States for a three-year term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BURKINA FASO, CHILE, CHINA, GABON, GERMANY, ICELAND, INDONESIA, MALAWI, NAMIBIA, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, POLAND, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, TUNISIA, TURKEY and URUGUAY; the following seventeen States for a two-year term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994: ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BENIN, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, CUBA, CZECH REPUBLIC, EGYPT, FRANCE, HUNGARY, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA and VANUATU; and the following sixteen states for a one-year term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993: ANGOLA, BARBADOS, BELARUS, BULGARIA, CANADA, GUINEA, INDIA, ITALY, JAPAN, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, MOROCCO, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The Council elected AZERBAIJAN, LESOTHO and MADAGASCAR for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The Council elected MALAYSIA for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995 and one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The Council elected LEBANON for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The following eleven experts were elected for a term beginning on the date of election: Mr. Guillermo Jorge Cano (Argentina), Mr. Marek Hoffmann (Poland), Mr. Sheik Ibrahim bin Sheik Ali (Malaysia), Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Khan (Pakistan), Mr. Godfrey L. S. Leshange (United Republic of Tanzania), Mr. Patrick Maselino (Zambia), Mr. Thomas P. Z. Mpofu (Zimbabwe), Mr. Erastus Kabutu Mwongera (Kenya), Mr. Dossou Barthélémy Otchoun (Benin), Mr. Luiz Fernando Soares de Assis (Brazil) and Mr. Natarayan Suryanarayanan (India).

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one expert from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

The Council elected the CZECH REPUBLIC for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 July 1993.

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Council elected SLOVAKIA for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on the day preceding the organizational meeting of the Governing Council in February 1996.

Nominations

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, nominated INDIA for election by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995.

Confirmations

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council confirmed the nominations by their Governments of the following representatives on functional commissions of the Council: 3/

3/ See E/1993/3.

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Ian CASTLES (Australia)
Eurico de ANDRADE NEVES BORBA (Brazil)
R. THAMARAJAKSHI (India)
Hiroyasu KUDO (Japan)
Miguel CERVERA FLORES (Mexico)
William McLENNAN (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

POPULATION COMMISSION

Robert CLIQUET (Flemish)) (Belgium)
Hubert GERARD (French))
Claude BAILLARGEON (Canada)
José Olinto RUEDA PLATA (Colombia)
Charlotte HOHN (Germany)
György VUKOVION (Hungary)

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Alvaro GARCIA Hurtado (Chile)
Ole Lønsmann POULSEN (Denmark)
Peter Serracino INGLOTT (Malta)
J. N. M. RICHELLE (Netherlands)
Corazón Alma G. DE LEON (Philippines)
Charles M. UTETE (Zimbabwe)

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Celso Luiz NUNES AMORIM (Brazil)
Hannu HALINEN (Finland)
Dhurma Gian NATH (Mauritius)
Zdzislaw KEDZIA (Poland)
PARK Soo Kil (Republic of Korea)
Tchotcho Séenam Marcelline MENSAH (Togo)
J. Kenneth BLACKWELL (United States of America)

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Faouzia BOUMAIZA (Algeria)
Helen L'ORANGE (Australia)
Johanna DOHNAL (Austria)
Natalia I. DROZD (Belarus)
Adriana de la Espriella DE LEON (Colombia)
Makiko SAKAI (Japan)
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Saisuree CHUTIKUL (Thailand)

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Geoffrey DABB (Australia)
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Rhadys ABREU DE POLANCO (Dominican Republic)
Károly BARD (Hungary)
MULADI (Indonesia)
Yuki FURUTA (Japan)
Mustafa ABD AL-MAJID KARIH (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
LEE See Young (Republic of Korea)
Slaheddine M'RAD (Tunisia)

COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Vladimir Arkhipovich LABUNOV (Belarus)
George A. KINT (Belgium)
WANG Shaoqi (China)
Rafael Ramírez ZORRO (Colombia)
Arnoldo K. VENTURA (Jamaica)
Fakhruddin DAGHESTANI (Jordan)
Taher E. JEHAIMI (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
Daniel Crane SMITH (Marshall Islands)
Alfredo Phillips GREENE (Mexico)
Abdellah EL MASSLOUT (Morocco)
Hilal A. RAZA (Pakistan)
Oleg V. ROUDENSKY (Russian Federation)
Mansour AL-MALIK (Saudi Arabia)
Charles Herbert Geoffrey OLDHAM (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Richard E. BISSELL (United States of America)

1993/202. Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 2 February 1993, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation. 4/

1993/203. Venue of the twenty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council, having been advised by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa that the Government of Gabon, by a note verbale dated 3 February 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Gabon accredited to the Commission, had extended an invitation to the Commission to hold its forthcoming session in Libreville, decided that the twenty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission should be held in Libreville from 19 to 22 April 1993.

1993/204. High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1993

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council:

(a) Decided that the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1993 should be devoted to the consideration of the following major theme: "World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development";

(b) Invited the Secretary-General, in preparing the report for the high-level segment, to pay attention to ways of attaining the objectives of the Summit and to examine the core issues - namely, the enhancement of social integration, the alleviation and reduction of poverty, and the expansion of productive employment - as set out in General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, and the role of the United Nations system in these matters;

(c) Invited the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, to contribute to the preparation of the report within their areas of competence;

(d) Decided that, without prejudice to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991, the high-level segment with ministerial participation should be held from 28 to 30 June 1993.

1993/205. Coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1993

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council, reaffirming the provisions of section III, paragraphs (a) to (e) of its decision 1992/217

4/ E/1992/65/Add.1.

and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991, decided:

(a) That the coordination segment should be devoted to the consideration of the following themes:

(i) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development;

(ii) Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera;

(b) That the coordination segment would reach agreed conclusions containing specific recommendations on matters related to coordination addressed to the various parts of the United Nations system for implementation;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to apprise the Council at its substantive session of 1994 of the steps taken by the United Nations system to give effect to those recommendations.

1993/206. Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1993 (28 June-30 July 1993)

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for 1993 and 1994, 5/ approved the following provisional agenda for its high-level segment of 1993:

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development.

3. Conclusion of the high-level segment.

2. The Council also approved the following provisional agenda with regard to its other segments:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

(a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development;

5/ E/1993/1 and Add.1.

(b) Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera.

3. Operational activities for development.

4. Coordination questions:

(a) Reports of the coordination bodies;

(b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations;

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics;

(d) Question of a United Nations year for tolerance;

(e) Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health.

5. Programme and related questions:

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

(b) Calendar of conferences.

6. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance:

(a) Special programmes of economic assistance;

(b) Humanitarian assistance.

7. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

8. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

9. Sustainable development.

10. Non-governmental organizations.

11. United Nations University.

12. Statistical and cartographic questions:

(a) Statistics;

(b) Cartography.

13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

14. Regional cooperation.

15. Development and international economic cooperation:

(a) Trade and development;

(b) Food and agricultural development;

(c) Science and technology for development;

(d) Transnational corporations;

(e) Natural resources;

(f) Population questions;

(g) Human settlements;

(h) Environment;

(i) Desertification and drought;

(j) Transport of dangerous goods;

(k) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

(l) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

(m) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

16. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

17. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

18. Human rights questions.

19. Advancement of women.

20. Social development.

21. Narcotic drugs.

Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. The Council approved the following allocation of items:

Items for consideration in plenary meeting

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Coordination segment

2. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

   (a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development;

   (b) Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera.

Operational activities segment

3. Operational activities for development.

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4. Coordination questions.

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6. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance.

7. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

8. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

9. Sustainable development.

10. Non-governmental organizations.

11. United Nations University.

12. Statistical and cartographic questions.

13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Items for consideration by the Economic Committee

14. Regional cooperation.

15. Development and international economic cooperation.

16. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

Items for consideration by the Social Committee

17. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

18. Human rights questions.

19. Advancement of women.

20. Social development.

21. Narcotic drugs.

1993/207. Establishment of the Commission on Sustainable Development

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council, having considered the report of the Secretary-General 6/ and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1993:

(a) Decided to establish the Commission on Sustainable Development as a functional commission of the Council with the functions as enumerated in paragraphs 3 to 5 of General Assembly resolution 47/191;

(b) Also decided that the Commission should be composed of fifty-three members elected from among the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies for a term of office of three years according to the following allocation of seats:

(i) Thirteen seats for African States;

(ii) Eleven seats for Asian States;

(iii) Six seats for Eastern European States;

(iv) Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(v) Thirteen seats for Western European and other States;

(c) Further decided that elections for the Commission should be held on 16 February 1993;

(d) Recommended that the General Assembly, taking into account its resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962, making the necessary provisions so that travel expenses for one of the representatives of each Member State elected to the Commission on Sustainable Development participating in a session of the Commission or its subsidiary organs are paid from the regular budget of the United Nations;

(e) Decided that the Commission should meet annually for a period of two to three weeks and that, as a transitional measure, an organizational session of the Commission should be held at Headquarters from 24 to 26 February 1993 and that the first substantive session of the Commission should be held at Headquarters from 14 to 25 June 1993;

6/ E/1993/14.

(f) Approved the following provisional agenda for the organizational session of the Commission:

1. Election of the Chairman and other members of the Bureau.

2. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the Commission at its first substantive session.

3. Outline of a multi-year thematic programme of work for the Commission.

4. Other organizational issues.

1993/208. Consideration of reports of intergovernmental bodies

A. Report of the Trade and Development Board

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council decided to consider at its substantive session of 1993 the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session the report of the Board on the first part of its fortieth session.

B. Report of the World Food Council

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council, subject to the outcome of discussions to be held at the resumed forty-seventh session of the General Assembly and in accordance with Assembly resolutions 47/150 of 18 December 1992 and 39/217 of 18 December 1984, decided to undertake, at its substantive session of 1993, an in-depth review of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its nineteenth session and to submit recommendations thereon to the Assembly for consideration and action.

C. Reports of the Commission on Human Settlements and the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council decided that, when reviewing at its substantive session of 1993 the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its fourteenth session and the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session, it would not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained in those reports that required action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspects of the work of those bodies.

1993/209. World Decade for Cultural Development

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council decided to postpone consideration of the biennial progress report on the World Decade for Cultural Development requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, and to combine that report with the global mid-term review of the Decade requested by the Assembly in its resolution 46/157 of 19 December 1991, which would be undertaken by the Council at its substantive session of 1994 and the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

1993/210. Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1994

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council took note of the following list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work for 1994:

A. High-level segment

Technology and industrialization in the development process of the developing countries (Council decision 1990/205)

International cooperation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs (Council decision 1990/205)

B. Other segments

Coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields (General Assembly resolution 45/264)

Operational activities for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 47/199)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its forty-first session (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)) 7/

Technical cooperation activities of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)) 8/

7/ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

8/ Will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1994.

United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII)) 9/

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX))

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 802 (VIII)) 9/

Coordination questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-fourth session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1994 (Council resolution 13 (III))

(b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)) 7/

Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement provided by the agencies and institutions within the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 33/183 K)

Programme and related questions

Relevant chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-fourth session

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Oral reports on special programmes of economic and humanitarian assistance

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

9/ Will be considered by the General Assembly in 1994.

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex)

Sustainable development

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session

Report of the High-level Advisory Board

World Decade for Cultural Development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the summary evaluation report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (General Assembly resolution 46/157 and Council decision 1993/209)

Cartography

Report of the Secretary-General on the Thirteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Council decision 1991/222)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 10/

Regional cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Report of the Secretary-General on phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994 (General Assembly resolution 39/227 and Council resolutions 1984/78 and 1991/75)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Development and international economic cooperation

World Economic Survey 1994

Report of the High-level Advisory Board on the situation of Namibia (General Assembly resolution 46/204) 7/

10/ In accordance with Council resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decides otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time its agenda is adopted.

Report of the Secretary-General on the main research findings of the system on major global economic and social trends, policies and emerging issues (Council resolution 1986/51, sect. VI)

Final version of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77, 44/171, 46/98 and 47/95) 7/

Report of the Secretary-General on an assessment of Council resolution 1992/41 on technical cooperation among developing countries

Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution 45/199) 7/

Trade and development

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) 7/

Food and agricultural development

Report of the World Food Council on its twentieth session (General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)) 9/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the progress achieved in the implementation of Council resolution 1992/54 on cooperation in fisheries in Africa

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in compliance with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 44/170) 7/

International cooperation in tax matters

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (Council resolution 1980/13)

Transnational corporations

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its twentieth session (Council resolution 1913 (LVII)), including the follow-up to the recommendations of the Panel of Eminent Persons on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa (Council resolution 1986/1)

International Conference on Population and Development

Report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development on the progress made in all aspects of the preparatory activities for the Conference (Council resolution 1991/93)

Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy

Report of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on its first session (Council decision 1992/218)

Development of the energy resources of developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations on ways and means of accelerating the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries (Council resolution 1992/56)

International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/151 7/

Public administration and finance

Report of the Secretary-General on the Eleventh Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (Council decision 1992/287)

Human rights questions

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) 7/

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child) 7/

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fiftieth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II)) 7/

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies

Advancement of women

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirteenth session (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) 7/

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-eighth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (LXI))

Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1988/22)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development questions

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its third session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Question of strengthening international cooperation in combating organized crime (General Assembly resolution 47/87) 7/

Narcotic drugs

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-seventh session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971 and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations University

Report of the Council of the United Nations University for 1993 9/

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Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

1993/211. United Nations common system

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council decided:

(a) To initiate, at its substantive session of 1993, under the item entitled "Coordination questions", a discussion of the relationship agreements between the United Nations and member organizations of the United Nations common system, taking into account a report to be submitted by the Joint Inspection Unit, as well as a background document prepared by the Secretary-General and a progress report of the International Civil Service Commission on the implementation of section II.E of General Assembly resolution 47/216 of 23 December 1992;

(b) Invited its President, within the framework of the organization of its work, to undertake appropriate consultations to prepare for that discussion, taking into account the above-mentioned documents.

1993/212. Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council, having considered the note verbale dated 29 June 1992 from the Director-General of the World Health Organization to the Secretary-General, 11/ the annex to which contained World Health Assembly resolution 45.20 on multisectoral collaboration on the World Health Organization's programme on tobacco or health, decided:

(a) To include in the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1993 of the Council, under the item entitled "Coordination questions", a sub-item entitled "Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health";

(b) To request the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council at that session a report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on collaboration and cooperation within the United Nations system on the problem of tobacco or health.

1993/213. Interregional cooperation

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council decided:

(a) To request the regional commissions, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992, to examine at their forthcoming sessions the relevant provisions of chapter 38 of

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Agenda 21 12/ and to submit to the Economic and Social Council reports containing their conclusions related to such a review and their plans to implement Agenda 21;

(b) That those reports should also be made available to the Commission on Sustainable Development in 1993 or, at the latest, in 1994.

1993/214. Review of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council decided:

(a) To conduct, with the assistance of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, a general review of current arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations, as determined by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, with a view to updating them, if necessary, in particular in the light of recent experience, including that gained during the process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and to complete that review by 1995;

(b) That the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations would be open to any interested State Member of the United Nations, in accordance with established practice;

(c) To request the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to consider the modalities for such a review and to submit its proposals to the Council at its substantive session of 1993.

1993/215. Procedural arrangements for the Commission on Sustainable Development

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council:

(a) Decided that, with the following supplementary arrangements, the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council should apply to the Commission on Sustainable Development:

Participation of and consultation with specialized agencies and participation of other intergovernmental organizations

1. While the participation of and consultation with specialized agencies and the participation of other intergovernmental organizations are governed by rules 71-74 of the rules of procedure of the functional

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12/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8).

commissions of the Economic and Social Council, 13/ the Commission on Sustainable Development or a subsidiary organ thereof shall invite relevant intergovernmental organizations within and outside the United Nations system, including multilateral financial institutions, to appoint special representatives to the Commission to serve as focal points for the Commission's members and the Secretariat.

Representation of and consultation with non-governmental organizations

2. Representation of and consultation with the non-governmental organizations in the Commission would be governed by the following arrangements, which would supplement, solely for the purposes of the Commission, rules 75 and 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council:

(i) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, category I or II, or relevant and competent non-governmental organizations on the Roster may designate authorized representatives to be present at and observe the meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary organs;

(ii) These non-governmental organizations may, at their own expense, make written presentations to the Commission and its subsidiary organs through the Secretariat in the official languages of the United Nations, as they deem appropriate. Such written presentations will not be issued as official documents;

(iii) These non-governmental organizations may be given an oppportunity to briefly address the meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary organs. Taking into account the number of non-governmental organizations expressing a desire to be accorded that opportunity, the Chairman of the Commission or its subsidiary organ may request the non-governmental organizations concerned to address the meetings through one or more spokespersons. Any oral intervention by a representative of a non-governmental organization shall be made at the discretion of the Chairman of the Commission or its subsidiary organ and with the consent of the members of the Commission or its subsidiary organ, as the case may be;

(iv) Non-governmental organizations shall not have any negotiating role in the work of the Commission and its subsidiary organs;

(v) The Commission may consult with and/or hear, as appropriate, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, category I or II, or relevant and competent non-governmental organizations on the Roster either directly or through a committee or committees established for that purpose;

13/ E/5975/Rev.1.

(vi) The relevance and competence of non-governmental organizations to be included in the Roster shall be determined by the Council on the recommendation of the Secretary-General;

(b) Requested the Commission to encourage equitable representation of non-governmental organizations from the developed and developing countries and from all regions, and also to strive to ensure a fair balance between non-governmental organizations with an environment focus and those with a development focus;

(c) Decided that any non-governmental organization which was accredited to participate in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development by the conclusion of its fourth session could apply for and should be granted Roster status, subject to approval by the Council and bearing in mind the provisions of Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations;

(d) Invited non-governmental organizations, with a view to enhancing their effective and coordinated contribution to the work of the Commission and to the follow-up of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in general, to consider or continue organizing themselves in various constituencies and interest groups and to set up non-governmental networks, including electronic networks, for the exchange of relevant information and documentation;

(e) Decided further, in the light of paragraph 2 above and its decision 1993/2 of 12 February 1993, to make the following changes to the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council: 13/

(i) In footnote 1, add the Commission on Sustainable Development to the enumeration of functional commissions of the Council;

(ii) In footnote 4, add a reference to the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(iii) Add a footnote to rules 75 and 76 reading:

"The terms of representation of and consultations with the non-governmental organizations in the Commission on Sustainable Development have been further determined by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1993/215 of 12 February 1993."

1993/216. High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 February 1993, the Council, took note of the proposals of the Secretary-General on the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, as contained in his report, 14/ and decided to revert to the matter at its resumed organizational session, on 29 and 30 April 1993.

14/ E/1993/15 and Corr.1.